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HOUSE BILL 471

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE OIL AND GAS ACT THAT RECOGNIZES
THE INHERENT AUTHORITY OF MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES TO
REGULATE OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Oil and Gas Act is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] INHERENT AUTHORITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO
REGULATE OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS.--The legislature recognizes
the inherent authority of municipalities and counties to
protect the health, safety and welfare of their residents by
enacting ordinances protecting water and watersheds from oil
and gas drilling, imposing reasonable bonding requirements on
oil and gas drilling, production and other activities and
otherwise regulating oil and gas operations within their

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